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MARIA WATCHES OVER US (Maria-sama ga Miteru) 3rd Season OVA © OYUKI KONNO / SHUEISHA • YAMAYURIKAI II  
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***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 3***  
**Format: DVD (Litebox)**

**Pre-Book: 12/4/2012**  
**Street Date: 1/8/2013**  
Runtime: 255 minutes  
Genre: Drama  
Suggested Rating: 13+

Audio: Japanese (Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo)  
Subtitles: 2 English subtitle tracks, plus English on-screen translations  
Video: 16:9 widescreen, Color  
Catalog #: RSDVD1350  
ISBN: 1-57032-722-X  
UPC: 7-42617-1350-2-6  
SRP: \$29.99

Discs/Set: 3  
Case Quantity: 30

**NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT Announces**  
***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 3***

**Complete third season available as Litebox-style DVD set on Jan. 8, 2013**

GRIMES, Iowa, Sept. 19, 2012 – Anime producer and distributor **Right Stuf, Inc.** and its **Nozomi Entertainment** division are pleased to announce the ***MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 3* DVD set** will be available on **January 8, 2013**.

This new DVD set repackages all **five direct-to-video (OVA) episodes** of the anime series' third season, plus its **five specials**, in a single DVD keepcase. It features Japanese audio, along with English on-screen translations, and **two English-language subtitle tracks**: one with **regular dialogue subtitles** and a second, **special subtitle track that retains the Japanese honorifics**.

**"A beautifully illustrated, surprisingly effective slice-of-life drama..."** – *Anime News Network*

**"this series is awesome"** – *Otaku USA*

**"leaves you eagerly wanting more"** – *The Fandom Post*

**"Shelf Worthy"** – *Anime News Network's Shelf Life*

**"a truly beautiful anime"** – *Future Anime*

The ***Maria Watches Over Us*** anime is based upon a series of novels – written by **Oyuki Konno** and illustrated by **Reine Hibiki** – that began in 1998 and spans 38 volumes. Short stories related to the series have been published in the *shoujo* (girls') magazine *Cobalt*, and a manga adaptation was serialized in the anthology magazine *Margaret*. The series' publisher, Shueisha, produced 14 drama CDs (featuring radio-style plays), and there are also several Internet radio plays, a live-action film adaptation and a spin-off novel series.

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**Product Announcement – Sept. 19, 2012, p. 2/2****MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 3 [DVD – Litebox]****Contact:** Alison L. Roberts | p: 515-986-1028, ext. 7229 | e: [alisonr@rightstuf.com](mailto:alisonr@rightstuf.com)

The anime adaptation of *Maria-sama ga Miteru* – also referred to by fans as “*MariMite*” – encompasses two, 13-episode TV seasons, a 5-episode OVA (original video animation) as its third season, and a 13-episode fourth season, which aired on Japanese television during 2009. All four seasons are licensed for English-speaking audiences by and available on DVD from Right Stuf’s Nozomi Entertainment.

*Maria Watches Over Us* features animation by **Studio DEEN** (*Fruits Basket*, *Gravitation*, *Rurouni Kenshin*), scripting by **Reiko Yoshida** (*ARIA*, *Boys Over Flowers*, *Story of Saiunkoku*), and direction by **Yukihiro Matsushita** (Seasons 1-3; *Blue Dragon*, *Sugar Sugar Rune*) and **Toshiyuki Kato** (Season 4; *Full Moon O Sagashite*, *CODE-E*).

Visit [maria-sama.rightstuf.com](http://maria-sama.rightstuf.com) for more information about *Maria Watches Over Us* (*Maria-sama ga Miteru*), including detailed character profiles, trailers, downloads and more.

**About MARIA WATCHES OVER US, Season 3**

Summer has arrived, and the students of Lillian Girls' Academy are on break! Yumi and Sachiko head out to the Ogasawara family's summer home, but what was supposed to be a relaxing vacation takes a turn for the worse when some of Sachiko's old acquaintances drop by for tea. These rich and snobby debutantes don't think Yumi is worthy of Sachiko's affection, and they're out to make this summer one she'll regret.

**Contains the complete 5-episode OVA season, plus Season 3 specials.**

**Features:**

Two English subtitle tracks (standard dialogue subtitles, plus a special subtitle track that includes Japanese honorifics) and English on-screen translations. **PLUS:** Season 3 specials 1-5, character bios, art galleries, liner notes, and Nozomi Entertainment trailers.

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Currently celebrating its 25th year in business, **Right Stuf, Inc.** was one of the first players in the U.S. Japanese Animation (“anime”) industry, as both an anime producer/distributor and a retailer. Right Stuf works to promote knowledge of its own products, as well as the anime and manga industry, in general, through its online storefront at [RightStuf.com](http://RightStuf.com) and a variety of media including podcasts and special publications. Its video and print publishing division includes the Nozomi Entertainment, Lucky Penny, and 5 Points Pictures studio-labels.

**ABOUT NOZOMI ENTERTAINMENT**

A publishing division of Right Stuf, Inc., Nozomi Entertainment is its signature label, dedicated to high-quality releases for collectors. True to the Japanese word that inspired its name, Nozomi’s focus is on “*what fans want*.” By focusing on a limited number of anime properties each year, the Nozomi production team ensures each release receives the care and attention to detail it deserves.

From anime classics like *Astro Boy*, *Kimba* and *Gigantor* to modern comedies, dramas and favorites such as *The Irresponsible Captain Tylor*, *His and Her Circumstances*, *Gravitation*, *Ninja Nonsense*, *The Third: The Girl With the Blue Eye*, *Emma: A Victorian Romance*, *Maria Watches Over Us*, *ARIA*, *Gakuen Alice*, *Rental Magica*, *Dirty Pair*, *Junjo Romantica* and *Revolutionary Girl Utena*, Nozomi Entertainment releases quality programming for fans of all ages and interests.

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